(b) to (d) Under the existing scheme of financing relief expenditure adopted on the recommendations of the Ninth Finance Commission, an annual Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) of Rs. 804 crores is available to all State Governments for incurring expenditure in the wake of natural calamities, including drought. 75% of the CRF is contributed by the Central Government in four equal quarterly instalments. The Central share of CRF released to these drought affected States during the year 1991-92 is given below :—

State	Rs. in crore
1. Gujarat . . .	63.75
2. Karnataka . .	20.25
3. Kerala . . .	23.25
4. Madhya Pradesh .	27.75
5. Maharashtra . .	33.00
6. Manipur . . .	0.75
7. Rajasthan . . .	93.00

The Ninth Finance Commission has also observed that if any region faced a calamity of such dimension and severity as to warrant its handling at the national level, the Central Government will take appropriate action as the situation demands and incur necessary expenditure.

Ban on Manufacture of Milk Products

2435. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that the ban on manufacture and import of indigenous milk products is put every year for Delhi only causing great losses to milk producers in adjoining States ;

(b) whether it is a fact that during 1976-77 no such ban was imposed and milk supplies remained normal in Delhi ;

(c) whether it is a fact that all public sector dairy plants and co-operatives throughout the country have installed surplus milk drying capacity and they are forced to manufacture milk powder heven in summer creating milk shortage ; and

(d) what is the month-wise manufacture of milk powder by organised units, State-wise for the last three years, indicating the month-wise and year-wise installed capacity for all dairy products ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) A ban was imposed in Delhi in the year 1976 from 21-5-1976 to 21-7-1976. However, there was no such ban in the year 1977. Milk marketing by Delhi Milk Scheme and Mother Dairy, Delhi during 1976-77 was more than the year 1975-76.

(c) and (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Production of Pulses

2436. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of AGRICULURE be pleased to state :

(v) whether Government are aware that India is today the largest importer of pulses in the World despite being he one of the largest producer of pulses in the world ;

(b) whether any time bound plan is in hand to overcome this situation through R and D ;